

Today's Martyrs – December 1939

Monday December 4, 1939



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Russia: Murmansk

Stanislaw Laus (aged 30, son of Ivan Laus, factory worker in [Leningrad](#), arrested in [April 1932](#); sentenced on [June 19, 1932](#) to 3 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent into internal exile near [Murmansk](#) upon his release; arrested on [September 19, 1939](#); **UPDATE:** sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, fate unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1734>



Poland - now Ukraine: Turka, outside Stryi

Fr Jan Cibor (aged 41, arrested by the Soviets, sent to Lviv Prison then Kiev Prison in Ukraine)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1512>

Friday December 8, 1939



Poland

Fr Maximilian Maria Kolbe OFM Conv aka Raymund Kolbe (aged 45, arrested by the Germans on [September 19, 1939](#) in [Niepokalanow monastery, Teresin](#); **UPDATE:** released)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maximilian_Kolbe

Saturday December 9, 1939



Ukraine

Fr Jan Kolner-Brinsko (aged 26, Slovak national, forced by the Gestapo to leave [Prague](#) for [Slovakia](#) in [September 1939](#), worked in a paper factory; **UPDATE**: arrested while illegally crossing the border, admitted he had entered the USSR to conduct underground missionary work)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1041>



Germany: Berlin

Rudolph Redlinghofer (aged 39, husband of Agnes, father of Regina aged 2, conscientious objector, arrested on [August 18, 1939](#) in [Krems an der Donau, Austria](#); **UPDATE**: convicted of avoiding military service, sentenced to death)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rudolf_Redlinghofer

Friday December 22, 1939



Austria: Steyr

Fr Woldemar Theodor Grossmann (aged 69, arrested for anti-Nazi comments made in the confessional)

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fdioezese-linzold.at%2fordinariat%2fdioezesanarchiv%2fbiografien%2fgrossmann.asp%3fdrucken%3dja

Sunday December 24, 1939



Russia: Kozelsk POW camp

Fr Kamil Kantak (aged 58, transferred to the Ostashkov POW camp, had been arrested in Pinsk along with his sister Maria Szilgan)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0987>

Saturday December 30, 1939



Germany: Bad Oeynhausen

Fr Wilhelm Schamoni (aged 34, arrested for homilies based on the papal encyclical *Mit Brennender Sorge* [*With Burning Anxiety*] which called the Nazis barbarians)

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wilhelm_Schamoni - with translation

December 1939, date unknown